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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

After granting a filing date and calculating the filing fee for
this new patent application, but before the first examination,
please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 are maintained unchanged.

Claims 3 to 14 have been previously cancelled.Please enter new claims 15 to 26 as follows.

1 15. (new) A filter press as claimed in claim 1, characterized
2 in that the lifting elements (14) are provided with
3 receiving elements whose central distance corresponds to